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TO LIVE BY LOVE, REASON AND FAITH

JOHN ULLMAN (1647 Monte Mar, Vista, Calif.) has sent the following quotation from *The Sane Society*, by Erich Fromm:

Mental Health is characterized by the ability to love and to create . . .

The aim of life is to live it intensely, to be fully awake.

To emerge from the ideas of infantile grandiosity into the conviction of one's real though limited strength; to be able to accept the paradox that every one of us is the most important thing there is in the universe — and at the same time not more important than a fly or a blade of grass.

To be able to love life, and yet to accept death without terror; to tolerate uncertainty about the most important questions with which life confronts us — and yet to have faith in our thought and feeling, inasmuch as they are truly ours.

To be able to be alone, and at the same time one with a loved person, with every brother on this earth, with all that is alive; to follow the voice of our conscience, the voice that calls us to ourselves, yet not indulge in self-hate when the voice of conscience was not loud enough to be heard and followed.

The mentally healthy person is the person who lives by love, reason and faith, who respects life, his own and that of his fellow man.

GROWTH IN GRACE

This article is from the London *Friend*; its author is Duncan Todd, a member of Purley Meeting, England.

"Do any of your outward concerns unduly absorb your time and energy to the hindrance of your growth in grace and your service for God?"

The above is part of the Fourth Query of the Society of Friends. We may do well to ask ourselves: What exactly do we mean by *growth in grace*? Have the words rather an old-fashioned, musty sound? Do they suggest traditional piety, of a narrow, puritanical kind? It would be lamentable if we fell into that error, because *grace* is the favourite word of the apostle Paul — he revels in it — and it meant to him something altogether delightful, quickening and invigorating.

"Yes," someone may say, "Paul *was* fond of the word; one might almost say that he based

his whole theology upon it; and all the theologians have fastened upon the word and made it their prey. I have no use for theology; and 'grace' for me, must go into the same limbo as all the rest of theology."

This hatred and horror of theology has done immense harm to our religious life. I am glad to believe that it is giving way a little, and that we are more ready than we were to think of these great matters without this deadly prejudice and obsession.

It would, of course, be quite impossible for me to deal adequately with the use of the word "grace" as a theological term, to which many learned and profound works have been devoted. But it may be right to attempt some sort of rough suggestion of what the theologians were trying to say. They start, of course, as everyone must, with Paul. Paul had been brought up as a strict Pharisee, and he had tried to keep all the innumerable regulations of the Jewish law. It had been a desperate struggle, a slavery, an intolerable burden; and he had failed. Men could not satisfy the demands of God on those lines: he was a sinner, guilty, condemned and hopeless. And then he came to see that God was not like that, and he did not exact that kind of service. As he puts it:

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and death.

We are not under the law, but under grace.

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And now let us leave this very inadequate excursion into theology and begin again at the beginning.

What does *grace* mean? Well, *grace* is one of the many words that has come down in the world. In ordinary usage apart from its theological usage, it means not much more than "elegance;" and this cannot be the meaning when we are bidden to give heed to our growth in grace. This august universe is not a beauty parlor.

Grace is the translation of a Greek word *Charis*, the nearest equivalent of which, if we must have a single word, is perhaps beauty. *Charis* is closely connected with another Greek word, which means joy. *Charis*, then, is all that aspect of the world, that quality of things, which gives joy; it is radiance and delight.

"Do you talk of radiance and delight in such a world as this?" Yes, even in this world, so

full of darkness and horror; and the radiance and delight must be no mere escape from the darkness and horror; it must be brought right down into the darkness. "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light."

And that did happen once, as we are told in that great prologue to the Gospel of John:

The Word (that is, the self-utterance of God) was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, that glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

When Paul, or any of the other New Testament writers, speaks of grace, he is always thinking, expressly or implicitly, of "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ." We may think of this in two senses:

(1) How attractive Jesus was, as he went about in Galilee two thousand years ago. He was full of radiance and delight, and he drew men to him by a kind of spell. When I read of his calling his disciples from their fishing boats or their custom houses, and they followed under a kind of enchantment, I am often reminded of the legend of Orpheus with his lute, who sang and played so delightfully that the very stones and trees rose and followed in his steps.

(2) The word *Charis*, grace, often carries the meaning of self-giving, of over-flowing generosity, as a kind of overtone. So, when we read of "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ," we are to think, most of all, of the self-giving of God, which is indeed the very source of our life. God is sometimes spoken of as the giver:

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son . . .

In other places Jesus himself is spoken of as the giver:

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery (a prize, a thing to be snatched) to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

If then we wish to grow in grace, we are not called to enter a course of self-cultivation. Rather we are to seek grace in him who was, and is, all grace; who is life and joy, our redeemer and our savior. Let this mind be in us all, which was also in Christ Jesus.

ROUND-THE-WORLD QUAKER LETTERS

For the past seven years Quaker children in many countries have been reading Round-the-World Quaker Letters. These letters, written by Friends all over the world, have told of the life and customs of other countries, of Quaker history, and of Friends' work in many places. Through the Letters, many children have found pen-friends in distant countries, and both children and grown-ups have discovered that the Letters help to strengthen their links with the world-wide family of Friends. Round-the-World-Quaker Letters for Children are produced and distributed through arrangements made by the Friends World Committee for Consultation.

To best serve their purpose these Letters should rep-

resent the life and thought of Friends in all lands, and there is a need now for material from fresh sources. The range of possible subjects is wide—any aspect of Friends' work and belief, any chapter in Quaker history, any account of the customs, folk-lore and daily life of the writer's country. The usual length for a Letter is 1,000 words. Four age-groups are taken into consideration: 6-8, 8-11, 11-13, 13-15.

Friends able to contribute to this work should send their Letters to the editor, FRANK CARPENTER, 39 Crescent Road, Brentwood, Essex, England. There is no need for Letters to be written in the English language; translation can be arranged.

FELLOWSHIP CAMP

Quaker Cove, near Anacortes, Washington, will again be the site of Fellowship Camp, July 26 to August 4 inclusive. An even freer, more spontaneous event is in the making than at the camp in 1956, which was attended by 78 persons. Last year's camp has inspired the formation of two growing fellowship groups in Seattle, which meet regularly for unprogrammed, friendly discussion.

For details about the camp, write JOHN AFFOLTER, 404 Thirteenth Ave. South, Seattle 8, Washington.

FRIENDS TEAM AT U N

The representation of Friends at the United Nations in New York is again increased for the period of the General Assembly session. Before Christmas Errol T. Elliott, of Richmond, Indiana, worked with the staff for three weeks. He is editor of the *American Friend*, general secretary of the Five Years Meeting of Friends, and chairman of the Friends World Committee for Consultation. During January and February, J. Duncan Wood of London Yearly Meeting will be a part of the Quaker team. Arthur G. Dorland of Canada Yearly Meeting and Marguerite Czarnecki of France Yearly Meeting have also been short-term members of the team.

Quaker representatives try to interpret the point of view of Friends on matters under consideration by the U.N. They work through informal meetings and conversations with delegates and with members of the U.N. Secretariat. They also feel the need to take to Quaker groups and others information and interpretation of U.N. activities. The work is made possible for Friends through the consultative status as a non-governmental organization granted by the U.N. to the Friends World Committee for Consultation.

SUMMONS AND SENDING

"Revelation is summons and sending."—Martin Buber in *Thou and I*

Unclasp Thy hand.

Before Thy face

I may not stand

In love;

But run Thy race,

Thy hungry feed,

Thy prisoner's need

Supply.

Yet in Thy task

Thy heart I find;

The captive's mask

Of fear

Hides Thee. The blind

Look with Thine eyes,

And Thine the broken-hearted cries

I hear.

—MADGE SEAVER

Meetings of Pacific Yearly Meeting

COLLEGE PARK QUARTERLY MEETING

Clerk: William C. James, 670 San Luis Road, Berkeley 7, Calif.

NORTHWEST HALF-YEARLY MEETING

Clerk: Richard Broughton, R.R. #1, Saanichton, B. C.

SOUTHWEST HALF-YEARLY MEETING

Clerk: Jane Baumann, 409 Calle de las Animas, Santa Fe, N. M.

Monthly Meetings

ALBUQUERQUE

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 11 a.m., 409 University Blvd., N.E., Albuquerque, N.M.

Clerk: Marian B. Hoge, 1021 Georgia, N.E., Albuquerque, N.M.

Sunday school: as above. Superintendent: Elizabeth Church.

ARGENTA

Meeting for worship: Sunday, at homes of members.

Clerk: Anne Rush, Argenta, B.C.

Sunday school: as above.

BERKELEY

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 11 a.m., 2151 Vine St., Berkeley, Calif. (corner of Vine and Walnut)

Clerk: Clarence Cunningham, 2422 Channing Way, Berkeley 4, Calif.

Sunday school: as above.

CLAREMONT

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Scripps College, Columbia Ave., between 10th & 11th Streets, Claremont, Calif.

Clerk: Ferner Nuhn, 420 West 8th St., Claremont, Calif.

Sunday school: as above. Co-leaders: Elizabeth Van Dolsen, 822 Miramar, Claremont; Martha Dart, 119 N. College, Claremont.

COLLEGE PARK (SAN JOSE)

Meeting for worship: third Sunday in month, 1016 Morse St., San Jose 26, Calif. Monthly Meeting, first Sunday in month, 11 a.m.

Clerk: Anna B. K. Willson, 3028 Williams Road, San Jose 28, Calif.

DELTA

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 10:30 a.m., in homes of members.

Clerk: Herbert Foster, 315 So. Olive, Stockton, Calif.

Sunday school: children participate in meeting for worship.

EUGENE

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 11 a.m., at 2274 Oynx St., Eugene, Oregon.

Clerk: Olin Byerly, 4411 River Road, Eugene, Ore.

Sunday school: 10 a.m., 2274 Onyx St. Superintendent: Anna Alexander, 2182-4 Patterson Drive, Eugene.

HONOLULU

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 10:15 a.m., Y.M.C.A., Richards Street, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Clerk: Christopher Nicholson, 5002 Maunalani Circle, Honolulu.

Sunday school: as above. Superintendent: Gertrude Bowles, 5002 Maunalani Circle, Honolulu 16.

LA JOLLA

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 11 a.m., 7380 Eads Ave., La Jolla, Calif.

Clerk: Joshua L. Bailly, Jr., 1225 Prospect St., La Jolla, Calif.

Sunday school: 9:30 a.m., 7380 Eads, La Jolla. Superintendent: Olivia W. Davis, 2430 Lawton, Lemon Grove, Calif.

LOS ANGELES

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 11 a.m., 1032 West 36th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Clerk: Mary F. Kershner, 4176 Denker, Los Angeles 65, Calif.

Sunday school: as above. Chairman of Education Committee: Zelda Grubbs, 1200 S. Windsor Blvd., Los Angeles 19, Calif.

MEXICO CITY

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 11 a.m., Casa de los Amigos, Ignacio Mariseal, 132, Mexico 1, D.F.

Clerk: Suzanne Sein, Monte Blanco 1135, Lomas de Chapultepee, Mexico 10, D.F.

MONTEREY PENINSULA

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 10:30 a.m., DeNeale Morgan Studio, Lincoln St., Carmel, Calif.

Clerk: Grace S. Cope, 966 Doud Ave., Monterey, Calif.

Sunday school: as above, irregularly, members taking turns.

ORANGE GROVE (PASADENA)

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 11 a.m., 526 E. Orange Grove Ave., Pasadena 6, Calif.

Clerk: Paul B. Johnson, 1581 Fair Park Ave., Los Angeles 41, Calif.

Sunday school: as above. Superintendent: Harlow Mills, 720 Magnolia, Pasadena, Calif.

PALO ALTO

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 11 a.m., 957 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto, Calif.

Clerk: Barbara Kennedy, 320 Kellogg Ave., Palo Alto, Calif.

Sunday school: as above. Superintendent: Eugenia Sorensen, 1127 Greenwood, Palo Alto, Calif.

PHOENIX

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 10 a.m., 17th Street & Glendale Ave., Phoenix, Arizona.

Clerk: James E. Dewees, 1928 West Mitchell Drive, Phoenix, Arizona.

Sunday school: as above. Superintendent: Virginia Anderson, 8015 E. Orange Drive, Scottsdale, Ariz.

RIVERSIDE-REDLANDS

Meeting for worship: at Redlands—Sunday, 11 a.m., Contemporary Club, 4th & Vine Streets, Redlands, Calif.

Meeting for worship: at Riverside—Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Y.W.C.A., 3425 Seventh St., Riverside, Calif.

Clerk: Eubanks Carsner, 3920 Bandini Ave., Riverside, Calif.

SAN FERNANDO

Meeting for worship: Sunday at 10 a.m., at 13864 Sayre St., San Fernando, Calif.

Clerk: Lois Bailey, 13864 Sayre St., San Fernando, Calif.

Sunday school: Sunday, 10 a.m., in nearby homes. Superintendent: Ernest Von Seggern, 13870 Sayre St., San Fernando, Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 11 a.m., 1830 Sutter Street, San Francisco, Calif.

Clerk: to be appointed—send correspondence to above address.

Sunday school: as above. Address mail to Madge Seaver, at above address.

SANTA FE

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 11 a.m., Garcia Street Club, 569 Garcia Street, Santa Fe, N.M.

Clerk: Robert Plettenberg, 1300 Canyon Road, Santa Fe, N.M.

Sunday school: 11:15 a.m., address above.

SANTA MONICA

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Delaware Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church, 20th St. & Delaware, Santa Monica, Calif.

Clerk: Edith G. Sperry, 1907 Twelfth St., Santa Monica, Calif.

Sunday school: 10:30 a.m., at the church and in homes. Superintendent: Patricia Sciutto, 2622 33rd St., Santa Monica, Calif.

TUCSON

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 11 a.m., 129 N. Warren Ave., Tucson, Arizona.

Clerk: John A. Salyer, 745 East 5th St., Tucson, Ariz.

Sunday school: as above. Chairman of Education Committee: Julia Jenks, 2146 East 4th St., Tucson, Ariz.

UNIVERSITY (SEATTLE)

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 10 a.m., 3959 15th Ave., N.E. Seattle 5, Washington. Meeting for worship also in Bellevue—see East Side.

Clerk: Harold Carson, Box 349, Houghton, Wash.

Sunday school: Sunday, 11 a.m., place as above. Superintendent: Alice Miles, 1367 Lake Washington Blvd., S., Seattle 44, Wn.

VANCOUVER

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 11 a.m., 535 West 10th Ave., Vancouver, B.C.

Clerk: Margaret F. Lorenz, 836 Jervis St., Vancouver 5, B.C.

VICTORIA

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 11 a.m., 1831 Fern St., Victoria, B.C.

Clerk: Richard Broughton, R. R. 1, Saanichton, B.C.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Meeting for worship: 4th Sunday in month, 11 a.m., W.M.C.A. Salem, Oregon. Also every Sunday in subordinate meetings in Corvallis, Portland, Salem.

Clerk: Margaret E. Jump, 2889 N.E. Edgehill Place, Portland 12, Oregon.

Sunday school: as above

*Subordinate Meetings***CALGARY**

Under care of Vancouver

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 3 p.m., Hillhurst United Church, Calgary, Alberta.

Clerk: William Hobson, 818 36th Ave., S.W., Calgary, Alta.

CORVALLIS

Preparative Meeting of Willamette Valley

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Memorial Union Building, Oregon State College Campus, Corvallis, Oregon.

Wider Quaker Fellowship, meeting for worship: 6:30 p.m., 1st & 3rd Sundays, in homes of members.

Clerk: Grace Lawrence, 135 N. 26th, Corvallis, Ore.

Sunday school: Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Memorial Union, Corvallis. *Leaders:* Mildred Burck, Rt. 1, Box 167, Monmouth, Oregon; Ruth Coppock, 2210 Van Buron, Corvallis, Oregon.

EAST SIDE (SEATTLE)

Preparing to be a Preparative Meeting of University Meeting

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 10 a.m., Meydembauer Yacht Club, Bellevue, Washington.

Clerk: Harry Burks, Rt. 2, Box 2169-A, Bellevue, Wn.

Sunday school: Sunday, 11 a.m., Meydembauer Yacht Club, Bellevue.

EDMONTON

Under the care of Vancouver Meeting

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 10:30 a.m., at Y.W.C.A., 103rd St., Edmonton, Alberta.

Clerk: Russell McArthur, 8014 75th St., Edmonton, Alta.

MARIN

Allowed Meeting of San Francisco

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 11 a.m., Outdoor Art Club, Throckmorton and Blythedale, Mill Valley, Calif.

Clerk: Eldon N. Rich, 410 Lowell Ave., Mill Valley, Calif.

Sunday school: provision for children as above.

MISSOULA

Preparative Meeting of University

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 10:30 a.m., followed by discussion at 11:15 a.m.

Clerk: David Line, Rt. 3, Missoula, Montana.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY (PORTLAND)

Preparative Meeting of Willamette Valley

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 11 a.m., Friendly House Community Center, 2617 N.W. Savier, Portland, Oregon.

Clerk: Ardelle Dennis, 6002 S.E. Center, Portland 6, Oregon.

Sunday school: as above.

SACRAMENTO

Under care of Berkeley Meeting

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 4:30 p.m., Episcopal Diocesan House, 2620 Capitol Ave., Sacramento, Calif.

Clerk: Lois Handsaker, 2720 X St., Apt. 3, Sacramento, Calif.

SALEM

Under the care of Willamette Valley

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 10:30 a.m., in homes of members, alternating between Salem and Dallas, Oregon (4th Sunday, monthly meeting in Salem Y.W.C.A.)

Correspondent: Crystalle Davis, Rt. 3, Box 316 A, Dallas, Oregon.

TACOMA

Preparative Meeting of University

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 10 a.m., 2506 N. Lawrence St., Tacoma, Washington.

Clerk: Herbert C. Baldwin, 47 Orchard Rd., Tacoma, Wn.

Sunday school and discussion: 11 a.m., as above.

WHITTIER

Preparative Meeting of Los Angeles

Meeting for worship: Sunday, 11 a.m., at Y.M.C.A., Whittier, Calif.

Clerk: William Wyler, 526 S. Bright, Whittier, Calif.

Sunday school: 10 a.m., Y.M.C.A., Whittier.

*Other Meetings and Worship Groups***FRESNO**

Meeting for worship: every other Sunday, 11 a.m., in homes of members. Pot-luck lunch and arrangements for children.

Correspondent: Marge Leavitt, 3832 N. Angus, Fresno, Calif.

GALLUP

Meeting for worship: 1st Sunday in month, 1 p.m., Congregational Church, 115 West Aztec, Gallup, N. M.

Correspondent: Helen Hill, 609 S. First, Gallup, N.M.

Sunday school: as above.

MONTEVERDE

Meetings for worship: Sunday and Wednesday mornings, Monteverde, Puntarenas, Costa Rica.

Clerk: Howard Rockwell, Sr., Monteverde, Puntarenas, Costa Rica.

SALT LAKE CITY

Under care of Friends Fellowship Council
Meeting for worship: Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Student Christian Fellowship House, 232 University St., Salt Lake, City, Utah.
Clerk: Adam Ristad, 5840 Emigration Canyon, Salt Lake City, Utah.

SANTA BARBARA

Under care of Friends Fellowship Council
Meeting for worship: Sunday, 11:15 a.m., Girl Scout House, 1838 San Andres St., Santa Barbara, Calif.
Clerk: Charles W. Cooper, 250 Cloydon Circle, Santa Barbara, Calif.
Sunday school: as above. Superintendent: Dorothy Bonner, 458 Scenic Drive, Santa Barbara.

WHITTIER (UNPROGRAMMED)

Under care of Whittier Monthly Meeting, California Yearly Meeting
Meeting for worship: Sunday, 8:30 a.m., Mendenhall and E. Philadelphia Blvd., Whittier, Calif.

A CHALLENGE TO US ALL

Our Meeting school work is a challenge to all of us Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting. How can we do it well?

I feel certain of one thing — that stories and explanations should always be given in one's own words, except for quoting some exquisite passage which could not possibly be put into one's own words. The Revised Version of the Bible is most helpful, in making obscure meanings clearer. I have found the work of Maurice Nicholl, a pupil of Jung, gives assistance. His book, *The New Man*, deals with the theme in the Gospels about reaching the higher level of inner evolution possible for man, called "the Kingdom of Heaven."

Our older children are most interested in why we are Friends, so it seems reasonable to give them outlines of other approaches in search of Truth. Sir Edwin Arnold's *Light of Asia* must inspire any one who reads it, especially an adolescent.

Lesson outlines are useful and can be obtained at the various Friends book stores, but nothing quite takes the place of the teacher's own reading preparation during the week.

—DOROTHY LASH
 Victoria, B.C.

We now have a Sunday school at Albuquerque Meeting, one that I feel will continue to grow. Our attendance has been around 12 to 15 children. The school was made possible when all the mothers felt that it was a necessity, and all were willing to work at its being a success. Prior to this, we had made efforts at various times, but these efforts were made by just one person, and one person can not conduct a class with an age group from 1 to 12 years!

We started with a mothers' meeting and decided we would rotate teachers so no one person would have to be out of the meeting for worship the whole year. We worked out two classes and hired a baby sitter for the very

young children. A teacher takes the group for three months at a time; so only two people have to miss meeting each time, plus Doris Castle who leaves meeting 15 minutes early to play the piano for our worship service.

The lessons for the primary group have followed the book *This Is the World*, with the study outline written by Swarthmore First-day school as a guide. The children did many things in clay and crayon and finger plays in connection with their learning of the world of growing things, and the wonderful presence of God around us every day.

The junior group has been studying Bible stories and the history of the Bible peoples. We started with Genesis and went on to the actual creation of the world in a series of lessons written by our own Mary Louise O'Hara. We read about how the various peoples of the world thought the world began: the Japanese, and Aborigines of Australia, the Jews, the Greeks and many others. We then went back to the Bible, using a great deal of material by Mrs. Stoddard of Princeton First-day school.

We all have a fifteen-minute worship service after our half-hour lesson period each week. All the children, including the babies, come together to tell what they have done, show what they have made, to offer any thoughts they would like to share with others. We have a silent period which is quite amazing as it lasts, absolutely silent, for four or five minutes.

The thoughts of members of our Meeting about this effort might be summed up this way: it has increased the attendance at meeting, and made our group more vital. And it has brought a new feeling of joy and love to our Meeting.

—VIRGINIA A. ZAVELLE
 Albuquerque, N. M.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

When an individual or group is wrestling with an important problem, it is usually useful to compare one's effort with that of others who are struggling with the same problem. This is especially true when the other has not yet reached the final outcome of his deliberations. The following statement on the responsibilities of members of the Society of Friends is one of the drafts considered by the Committee of Ministry and Counsel and the Committee of Overseers of the Friends Meeting of Washington, D.C. We do not know what this Meeting finally decided on, as a final draft, but we present this in the hope that it may be useful to Meetings of our own Yearly Meeting who are thinking about this subject.—Ed.

Members of the Society of Friends have joined together because they feel that this strengthens them as seekers for truth and leads them to care for each other. Fundamental to all that Friends do is their seeking to keep close to the loving God and to keep open to His direction in all relationships and undertakings. Membership in such a Society carries with it certain responsi-

bilities, concerning both personal living and the relationship of the member to the Meeting. Making application for membership indicates a willingness and a desire to undertake, as fully as time, strength and circumstances permit, the following:

To understand the testimonies of the Society of Friends and to express them in everyday living within the family, the community, the nation, and the world.

To use frequently the Queries as means of examining and directing oneself.

To cultivate in oneself a quality of spirit and an approach to social problems based on the principles of Friends.

To develop an increasing understanding of religious truth through reading the Bible and other appropriate books and religious periodicals, and through prayer, meditation, and the sharing of religious insights.

To attend regularly, where possible as a family, the meeting for worship and the meeting for business, in a spirit of Christian devotion and love, seeking to participate in the life of the Meeting in accordance with Divine guidance.

To serve faithfully on Meeting committees of which one is a member.

To maintain awareness of the projects of the Meeting and to participate in them as there is opportunity to do so.

To contribute generously to the financial support of the Meeting.

To be aware of the relationship to the Yearly Meetings and to other Meetings, near and afar.

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

A number of Meetings have already seen the report on funeral procedures prepared by San Fernando Monthly Meeting. MILDRED BURCK, secretary of the Yearly Meeting, writes, "There are now copies available for any interested individuals who may wish to borrow them. Write to me at Route 1, Box 167, Mommouth, Oregon."

Between the triennial meetings of the Friends World Committee for Consultation essential and important policy decisions may be made on behalf of the committee by its Interim Committee. Each time the Interim Committee meets it is obliged to invite as participant a Friend from an area outside both North America and Europe. Benjamin S. Ngaira of East Africa Yearly Meeting has accepted the invitation to participate in the next meeting, July 19 to 21, 1957, at Woodbrooke, Birmingham, England. Other members of the committee are Errol T. Elliott of Richmond, Indiana, Howard Diamond of London Yearly Meeting, Sigrid H. Lund of Norway, Elsa Cedergren of Sweden, Lewis E. Wadilove of London, and Herbert M. Hadley, general secretary of Friends World Committee.

From Salt Lake City MILDRED McALISTER writes: "Our Friends meeting continues to meet every Sunday for worship and once a month for business. Although we are small (ten members) we enjoy a close, intimate fellowship together.

"We are planning to have a study group once a month and read several good books on Quaker history and the message of Quakerism. . . We held our first

memorial service in November, which was a valuable experience for us as a Meeting. We continue to enjoy visitation from Friends coming through Salt Lake City. Recently Lola Bellinger of Albany, Oregon, visited us. We find this gives us a feeling of being part of the larger family of Friends everywhere."

The group of Friends in Fresno has taken on new life. MARGE LEAVITT writes as follows: "We meet every other week rotating from home to home. We have no formal organization and are not affiliated with any Meeting. There is no regular correspondent for the Meeting, but I'd be glad to let any one know when and where our next meeting is, if they will drop a card to 3832 N. Angus, Fresno 3, Calif. We are not in position to send out regular notices to a mailing list, yet we would be delighted to have visitors. Our meeting and Sunday school time is 11 o'clock, usually followed by a pot-luck dinner."

At the January meeting of Willamette Valley Monthly Meeting, the status of Preparative Meeting was granted to Multnomah County Friends Meeting, Portland, Oregon. Willamette now consists of two Preparative Meetings: Corvallis and Multnomah, and one worship group meeting alternately Salem and Dallas, Oregon.

Born: on December 25, 1956, to ROBERT and DOREEN BARNES, a son named Christopher E. Barnes. The family's new address is 701 Bear Creek Road, Orinda, Calif.

Born: on January 9, 1957, to HAROLD and LOIS BARTON (Route 4, Box 319, Eugene, Oregon), a daughter named Frances Irene Barton.

Born: on January 17, 1957, to WARD and ALICE MILES (1367 Lake Washington Blvd., Seattle 44, Washington) a son named Stuart Calder Miles.

Born: on November 9, 1956, to IAN and JANE THIERMANN (457 Kelton Ave., Los Angeles 24, Calif.) a daughter named Heather Thiermann.

Died: on January 28, 1956, DR. JAMES A. BLAISDELL, aged 89 years. Ferner Nuhn (420 West 8th, Claremont, Calif.) writes of him: "He envisioned and brought into being the Associated College plan of Claremont. At the time of his death, he was working on still another dream, a center for the study of world religions at Claremont. He was a good friend of and occasional attender of the Claremont Friends Meeting."

FRANCIS and ALICE DART and their family will be leaving for Nepal this summer where staff members from the University of Oregon are helping the Nepalese set up a Normal School. Alice Dart has written to friends in Eugene: "Now a liberal arts college is projected. They have asked for some one in physical sciences, which is how Fran got involved. . . We expect to arrive there July 15 and be there for two years. We hope to go through Hawaii and spend a week or ten days with ROBERT and LYRA DANN in Honolulu." The present address of the Darts is 1204 West William St., Champaign, Illinois.

FERNER NUHN writes that applications from Meetings or individuals should be coming in soon for the Quaker Leadership Grants, which will be awarded again this year for seven weeks summer study and travel to centers of Friendly activity, including Pendle Hill, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. Our Yearly Meeting has profited greatly from these grants, made possible by the Clement and Grace Biddle Foundation. For full information write to Ferner Nuhn, 420 West 8th St., Claremont, Calif.

The *Calendar of Yearly Meetings, 1957*, has just been published by the Friends World Committee. It lists

not only the dates and places of Yearly Meetings and major conferences all over the world, but also the names and addresses of clerks or key persons. Free copies may be secured from either office of the committee: Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio; or 20 South 12th St., Philadelphia 7, Pa.

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LESLIE and ANNETTE SPELMAN write from Philadelphia (504 S. 41st St., Philadelphia 4, Pa.) that they are attending a newly formed "but very much alive" meeting for worship near the University of Pennsylvania. Leslie is attending the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, while Annette is nurse and dietician at Friends Central School, Overbrook, Pa.

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New officers of Southwest Half-Yearly Meeting were appointed at the last meeting of the group in Redlands, Calif., January 26 and 27. They are as follows: clerk, JANE BAUMANN, 409 Camino de las Animas, Santa Fe, N.M.; secretary, JOHN ULLMAN, 1647 Monte Mar, Vista, Calif. A report of the Redlands meeting will be in the next issue of the Bulletin.

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ED and JEAN DUCKLES write from Mexico City (Ignacio Mariscal 132, Mexico D. F.) that FLORENCE SMITH, whom many of us have known as hostess at the Casa de los Amigos, has returned to the United States and is living at 234 West Allen's Lane, Philadelphia 13, Penna. Her place at the Casa is being taken by CHET and BEATRICE HIGMAN of Seattle, Washington.

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A new book by LEONARD KENWORTHY (Brooklyn College, Bedford Ave. & Avenue H, Brooklyn 10, N. Y.) has recently been published, *Introducing Children to the World*. It is written for children in upper elementary grades and junior high school. It is published by Harpers and Brothers.

BRIDGES AND BOMBS

E. RAYMOND WILSON, whom most of us know as secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, is on leave for a year in Japan, where he is Quaker International Affairs Representative. He recently spoke at the Second World Conference Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs, which held sessions in Tokyo, Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

"Some way bridges of understanding have to be built," he said. "This means personal contacts and conversations. One of the tragedies of Japan is that the Communists have portrayed themselves as the crusaders for peace, and from what I can find out so far from talking with both missionaries and Japanese the Christian Church here is very timid and hesitant about international issues."

He also said: "As a visitor this year to the country where the atom bomb was first used, one stands here humbled by the fact . . . I am doubly determined to try and see that the vast power of atomic energy is used in the future only for peaceful purposes and for the betterment of human life. That means that each of us has a responsibility as a citizen of his country to see that his nation acts so that peace is possible. Let us seek not only to ban A and H bombs, but abolish war itself."

LETTER FROM MONTEVERDE

To Friends Everywhere:

Having found our minds and hearts of late drawn toward a feeling of closer communion with Friends everywhere, we would like to make a sojourn to each of your Meetings, worship with you, and come to know you better. This not being possible, we would like to share our lives and Meeting with you by letter.

Here in our mountain fastness we have a peculiar advantage for feeling one with all humanity. In our com-

munity are individuals from several different countries, and we have visitors from many other places. "There is neither Jew nor Greek—for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

We find there is much to be learned from the Costa Rican people in the art of human relations. A woman with braids and bare feet has a courtesy and friendliness, dignity and human warmth to which we are not accustomed. Children from a home of dirt floor and thatched roof have a graciousness and decorum that come from a home of Spanish refinement.

We have been especially gratified with the cooperation and attitude of our Costa Rican neighbors who are members of the Catholic church, whose understanding hearts have made possible a closer working together of the two communities.

From our experience here we agree with Tolstoy, "You may think there are situations where love is not needed, but there are no such situations."

We have found among ourselves that perhaps we have too much busy-ness and not enough profound living in consciousness of God. "Let every man . . . never forget that the divine spark is in him, and that he is free to disregard it, . . . or to come closer to God by showing his eagerness to work with Him, and for Him."

We close with prayerful concern for Friends everywhere that the abundant life may become universal through expanding love.

For the Monteverde Meeting of Friends,
HOWARD ROCKWELL, Sr., Clerk

PROGRAM OF 1957 CONFERENCE

The 1957 Conference of Friends in the Americas, which will meet on the Wilmington, Ohio, College campus from June 26 to July 3, 1957, will center on the theme "Growing in the Experience of God."

Each morning from 9:00 until 10:30 some 600 Friends expected to attend will gather in small groups for worship; at 10:45 eighteen or twenty discussion groups will convene to consider such topics as these: deepening one's personal religious life, the local Meeting, facing the implications of our faith (racial integration, loyalty oaths, political responsibilities, and the peace testimony), Friends' concerns for missions and service, the relevance of theology for Friends, our role in Christian unity, goals and methods in religious education, and the relationship of Friends schools and colleges to the continuation of Quakerism.

Registration is scheduled for both morning and afternoon on Wednesday, June 26; on Thursday afternoon there will be a general session planned and conducted by the Young Friends Committee of North America. For the rest of the conference week, the time between lunch and dinner is left free for special interest groups, committee meetings, recreation, and the afternoon teas served by the United Society of Friends Women. There will be exhibits, arts and crafts workshops, swimming, games, excursions to places of interest, including the ancient mounds erected by the Mound Builders, and many opportunities for friendly fellowship.

During the opening session on Wednesday

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night, a visual epistle from Friends around the world will be presented, and through recordings and colored pictures of persons and places, Friends and Friends activities in England, Japan, Africa, and other distant lands will be seen and heard at Wilmington. A meeting for worship on the basis of silence will be held on Thursday evening. Douglas Steere, professor at Haverford College and a Friend widely known for his many contributions to Quaker life and thought, will speak on Friday evening. The Program Committee, of which Mary Hoxie Jones is chairman, has asked him to consider with us the new conception of the role of the World Committee in modern Quakerism. On Saturday evening there will be a panel discussion on growth and evangelism, its members being Walter R. Williams, general superintendent of Ohio Yearly Meeting at Damascus; Gilbert Kilpack, director of studies at Pendle Hill; Richard P. Newby,

pastor at Minneapolis and clerk of Iowa Yearly Meeting. Glenn Reece, superintendent of Western Yearly Meeting, will act as moderator. The Sunday evening session will open with a half hour of hymn singing. The speaker is to be Kathleen Lonsdale, a well known British Friend. She is a renowned scientist and is coming to the United States this summer to deliver lectures at the University of Michigan and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. All Friends in the area are invited to attend the meetings on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings. The other two evening sessions will take shape as the conference develops, for in them will be presented the chief concerns arising from the fellowship-worship groups and discussion groups.

Each day begins with morning worship, and each evening closes with vespers which are to be held under the guidance of D. Elton Trueblood, professor of philosophy and religion at Earlham College, clerk of Indiana Yearly Meeting, writer and lecturer.

The conference concludes on July 3 with a meeting for worship, convening at 10:00 a.m.

The World Committee hopes that Friends throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, and Jamaica will enter into the experience of this conference, not only by promoting attendance and supporting those chosen as representatives, but also by studying the materials suggested. Meetings and individuals may obtain packets containing fifteen pamphlets and short articles bearing on the subjects to be considered by writing to the Friends World Committee office at 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa., or to the Midwest Office of the Committee at Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio. May Friends throughout the Americas give this conference their earnest consideration and their prayers in the coming months.

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